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SUBJ: NEW SOVIET STRESS ON FREEDOM OF PASSAGE?

REF: MOSCOW 13303

1. EMBASSY HAS READ WITH GREAT INTEREST MOSCOW'S ASSESSMENT IN REFTEL OF NEW SOVIET EMPHASIS ON FREEDOM OF PASSAGE. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AS THE TELEGRAM NOTES, IN THE EFFECT SUCH EMPHASIS MIGHT HAVE ON THE SOVIETS' NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH NORWAY ON BARIENTS SEA CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SVALBARD AND ON LOS MATTERS GENERALLY.

2. WE KNOW NORWEGIANS WOULD BE SIMILARLY INTERESTED IN THIS INFORMATION. THEY WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY PARTICULARS ON OR ASSESSMENTS OF SOVIET INTERESTS AND INTENTIONS THAT RELATE TO THE NORTH OR LOS. WE THINK IT WOULD BE VALUABLE IN SHAPING AND STRENGTHENING THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE FORCES AT PLAY IN BOTH THESE AREAS AS WELL IN MAKING OUR POINTS WITH THEM ON SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH IF WE COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH SUCH MATERIAL.

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3. WE WOULD THEREFORE BE INTERESTED TO KNOW IF DEPT HAS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH BEARS OUT MOSCOW'S ASSESSMENT AND IF WE MIGHT OBTAIN EVALUATION WE COULD PROVIDE NORWEGIANS.
ANDERS

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